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Under the tent Helen Hill of the nursing department serves students, graduates and guests at the Graduation Barbeque, May 9. Over 400 attended the meal held on the Quadrangle.



Mabee Fieldhouse was the new site for the graduation ceremony in which approximately 325 students were awarded the Bachelor Degree. The graduates were joined in Avila's newest building by over 2500 members of families and friends.

AVILA CONFERS FIRST MASTER DEGREES IN COLLEGE HISTORY

For the first time Avila College conferred Master Degrees to students completing the program in the areas of management, accounting, mental health services and education/exceptionality. The students were hooded and awarded

the advanced degree at commencement exercises, May 10.

The welcome was given by Norma Lewis, Chair of the Department of Nursing.

Susan Stanton, Director of Corrections for Jackson County, gave the commencement address. Ms. Stanton noted the times offered an

opportunity for change and development of strength. She said to learn from failure to gain victory and to have the courage to try to conquer failure.

She stressed the importance of being united and concluded with "My dreams include you, I hope your dreams include me."



Dean Cupkie hoods Mrs. Maryhelen Van Dyke as Monsignor William Blacet watches. Mrs. Van Dyke was given the honorary degree Doctor of Humane Letters for her service to charities, school and community events.

Service Awarded

Sister Olive Louise received the 1980 "Citizen of the Year" award presented by the Kansas City Chapter of UNICO. Recipients of this award are judged in view of the organization's motto "Service Above Self."

The award was presented at a dinner May 18 at the Crown Center Hotel. Proceeds from the evening will be administered by UNICO for worthwhile causes ranging from college scholarships to international relief.

Members of the community, faculty, staff and students were recognized at Honors Convocation, May 10 in the Mabee Fieldhouse.

Mrs. Vivian Davis Shepherd was awarded the Avila College Medal of Honor. Mr. Don Landes, Kansas City Power and Light Vice President of Communications and volunteer read the citation noting her work and vision in organizing and directing the Rehabilitation Institute for the past 35 years.

Sister Mathilde, Director of Seton Center, was awarded the Avila College Medal of Honor for her commitment to the poor through her unselfish service.

Faculty member, Sister Mary Fitzpatrick, Associate Professor of Mathematics, and seniors Rita DeLisle and Christopher Glaze received the Avila College Medal of Honor for their contributions to the college.

SPECIAL HONORS PRESENTED



Rita DeLisle receives the Avila College Medal of Honor and a hug from Sister Olive Louise.

Mona Price was selected by the graduating class and was presented the Ariston Award.

Five students were awarded "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges" plaques.

Masthead Photo: Honorees and guests and Sister Olive Louise attend the Graduation Breakfast. Standing next to Sister Olive Louise is Mr. Don Landes. Seated are Mrs. Maryhelen Van Dyke and Mrs. Vivian Davis Shepherd.

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PROJECT TO AID HANDICAPPED PERSONS

A group of Social Work students developed a class project to make the college community aware of mobility problems handicapped students face on campus.

The Awareness Day activities included simulation of being handicapped by volunteers and wheelchair basketball games with the Kansas City Rolling Pirates playing Avila competition.

The \$1 donation for tickets to the basketball competition netted the group \$844. The money will be used to make Avila more accessible to the handicapped.



Ron Jensen (far right), 1980 graduate, was one of the students instrumental in Awareness Day.

PARENTS ENJOY APRIL WEEKEND

Residence Hall Government sponsored a Parents Weekend, April 19-20. Parents of resident students were invited to join other parents, and classmates of their sons and daughters for two days of activities including a get acquainted reception, soccer game, theatre production and buffet banquet.

The sentiments of many parents

Athletes Sign Letters-Of-Intent

Among those signing soccer letters-of-intent are the co-captains from Oakville (MO) High, Ken Bromer and Larry Larsen, both team All-Staters.

Also signing were junior collegians, Jack Tracy, All-American from Lewis and Clark; and Bob Butler, a pro draft choice from Maramec Community College.

were expressed in a note to RHG members from John and Georgiann Wright: "Your idea was a winner and you couldn't have put it over with more class.

"It was a treat meeting all of you and your families and to see the things you are accomplishing at Avila. Our thanks for your caring enough to share this time with us."

AVILA ALUMNI EVENTS

August 8 - Executive Committee Meeting
- Alumni Board Meeting
September 17 - Alumni Board Meeting (to finalize Homecoming plans)
October 4-5-6 - HOMECOMING
Friday --- Thearte Night
Saturday---Dinner/Dance
Sunday----Mass and Brunch
November 2 - Alumni Memorial Mass

Students Donate Time, Design

Avila College art students donated their time to design and paint a mural in the dining room of the Kansas City School for the Blind where two-thirds of the students have some degree of vision.

Bright colors were used in the series of pictures depicting four nature scenes: fish and seaweed in an underwater setting; frogs and waterlilies; animals of the jungle; and, eagles above a mountainous landscape.

Students participating were Marty Pyle, Rose Johannesman, Tracy Ferrario, Brad Moore, Peter Ismert, Mary Cuddihee, Jennifer Peterson, Tom Jennison, Lisa Gioia, Belinda Strobe and John Hill.

The project was sponsored by Dr. Richard L. Sutton, Jr., a retired Kansas City dermatologist.